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As a network engineer with over 10 years of experience in the computer industry, a dyed-in-the-wool republican and laissez faire businessman, I'd like to submit my comments regarding the shameful Proposed Final Judgment in United States v. Microsoft and to urge you to reject this settlement for the garbage it is.

Microsoft is GUILTY of monopolistic business practices. You can't sugar coat this, and anything that doesn't reform or cut the heart out of those practices, not to mention punishes the company monetarily, fails to solve the problem.

Very little of what I've read in the Proposed Judgment affects Microsoft's ***confirmed*** monopoly status. It doesn't punish MS in any way by removing the ill-gotten profits obtained through illegal activities. Even the provisions designed to keep MS from abusing their monopoly status in the future are weak and full of loopholes, even going so far as allowing MS to *define* who their competitors are!

Microsoft is GUILTY of monopolistic business practices. The findings of fact demonstrate that Microsoft has abused it's market leader status in ways that caused hundreds, perhaps thousands, of small companies to cease to exist.

As much as I hate the level of regulation in business as a general rule, those rules are sometimes *necessary*. Break them up, fine them back to their pre-monopoly levels, force their API's open, or whatever makes the most sense to REPAIR the market they've ASSUALTED. Just please do not allow them to continue their ONSLAUGHT on the American people.

Thanks for listening!

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